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Please consider each document listed on the attached Form PTO-1449 (8 pages) and return a copy of that Form with the Examiner's initials adjacent each citation. Copies of the listed listed documents are enclosed.

Furthermore, the Examiner's attention is directed to the application listed in the Table below (**please do not print** the information in the Table on the patent which results from the subject application). The listed application is a continuation of U.S. Application 10/059,132 (now U.S. Patent 6,548,612) which in turn is a divisional of a parent of the present application, i.e. of application 09/369,319 (now U.S. Patent 6,531,559).

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Also, Applicants note that U.S. Patents 3,655,611; 5,646,223; 5,603,999; and 6,066,707 as well as WIPO Publication 98/58105 have been relied upon by a U.S. Patent Examiner to reject claims during the prosecution of parent application 09/369,319 and/or U.S. application 10/059,132 (a divisional of parent application 09/369,319). In addition, Applicants note that U.S. Patents 4,624,990; 4,859,836; and 5,641,571 have been relied upon by a U.S. Patent Examiner to reject claims during the prosecution of parent application 09/505,279.

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